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## **The World's Best Women win the Golden 11**

**The fifth International Football Film Festival 11mm closes with a spectacular Gala**

The director Britta Becker was the surprise winner of the "Golden 11" for her film "Die besten Frauen der Welt" (The World's Best Women) which followed the German female football team on its path to victory in the 2007 World Cup in China. In a very close decision, Becker's film edged out another women's football film, "Football Under Cover". The public team premiere of the film about a match between a women's team from Berlin and the Iranian women's national team was one of the most moving moments of this year's festival.

### **Berlin director wins the short film competition „Shortkicks“**

Andreas Leimbach-Niaz scooped the prize for the best short film with his touching portrait of Hermann „Tiger“ Gerland, the former Bundesliga player and trainer and current coach of FC Bayern Muenchen's reserve team. Berlin's RadioEins moderator Andreas Ulrich guided the audience through the spectacular evening, accompanied by a prominent jury including the European Champion Jens Todt, trainer of second division side Carl Zeiss Jena Henning Buerger and director Hans-Erich Viet. The evening was the fitting finale to four wonderful days and nights in the Babylon Cinema in central Berlin.

### **13 directors answer questions from the audience**

A number of directors, including Marco Risi of „Maradona – La Mano de Dios“ from Italy, Yann Langevin of „Montreal Planète foot" from Canada, David Assmann & Ayat Najafi of "Football under Cover" and Britta Becker of "Die besten Frauen der Welt", presented their films to a fascinated audience. This year 11mm fans set an attendance record and ensured a number of sold-out screenings.

### **"Deep Play" by Harun Farocki**

On Friday evening, April 4th, the 5th International Football Film Festival kicked off with the opening of Harun Farocki's installation Deep Play together with the artist. The internationally acclaimed multi-media installation premiered at the 2007 Documenta in Germany and dissects the 2006 World Cup Final on 12 screens.

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